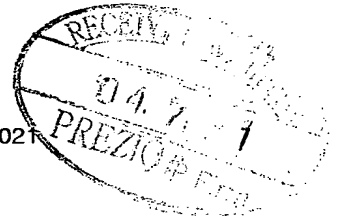


From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

**PCT**INFORMATION CONCERNING ELECTED  
OFFICES NOTIFIED OF THEIR ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.3)

To:

HAYAMI, Shinji  
Daikanyama TK Bldg. 1F  
2-17-16, Ebisu-nishi  
Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150-0021  
JAPONDate of mailing (day/month/year)  
15 July 2004 (15.07.2004)Applicant's or agent's file reference  
JJ-70053WO**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**International application No.  
PCT/JP2003/016984International filing date (day/month/year)  
26 December 2003 (26.12.2003)Priority date (day/month/year)  
26 December 2002 (26.12.2002)

Applicant

JAPAN TOBACCO INC. et al

- The applicant is hereby informed that the International Bureau has, according to Article 31(7), notified each of the following Offices of its election:  
**EP:** AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HU, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, RO, SE, SI, SK, TR  
**National:** AU, BG, BW, CA, CN, DE, EG, GB, IL, JP, KP, KR, MN, NI, NO, PG, PL, RO, RU, SK, SY, US
- The following Offices have waived the requirement for the notification of their election; the notification will be sent to them by the International Bureau only upon their request:  
**AP:** BW, GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM, ZW  
**EA:** AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM  
**OA:** BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG  
**National:** AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AZ, BA, BB, BR, BY, BZ, CH, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE, ES, FI, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IN, IS, KE, KG, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MW, MX, MZ, NZ, OM, PH, PT, SC, SD, SE, SG, SL, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, UZ, VC, VN, YU, ZA, ZM, ZW
- The applicant is reminded that he must enter the "national phase" before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date before each of the Offices listed above. This must be done by paying the national fee(s) and furnishing, if prescribed, a translation of the international application (Article 39(1) (a)), as well as, where applicable, by furnishing a translation of any annexes of the international preliminary examination report (Article 36(3) (b) and Rule 74.1).

Some offices have fixed time limits expiring later than the above-mentioned time limit. For detailed information about the applicable time limits and the acts to be performed upon entry into the national phase before a particular Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

The entry into European regional phase is postponed until 31 months from the priority date for all States designated for the purposes of obtaining a European patent.

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## PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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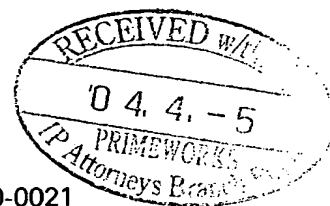
NOTIFICATION CONCERNING  
SUBMISSION OR TRANSMITTAL  
OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

(PCT Administrative Instructions, Section 411)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

To:

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 18 March 2004 (18.03.2004)	
Applicant's or agent's file reference JJ-70053WO	<b>IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION</b>
International application No. PCT/JP2003/016984	International filing date (day/month/year) 26 December 2003 (26.12.2003)
International publication date (day/month/year) Not yet published	Priority date (day/month/year) 26 December 2002 (26.12.2002)
Applicant JAPAN TOBACCO INC. et al	

- By means of this Form, which replaces any previously issued notification concerning submission or transmittal of priority documents, the applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to all earlier application(s) whose priority is claimed. Unless otherwise indicated by the letters "NR", in the right-hand column or by an asterisk appearing next to a date of receipt, the priority document concerned was submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b).
- (If applicable) The letters "NR" appearing in the right-hand column denote a **priority document which, on the date of mailing of this Form, had not yet been received by the International Bureau** under Rule 17.1(a) or (b). Where, under Rule 17.1(a), the priority document must be submitted by the applicant to the receiving Office or the International Bureau, but the applicant fails to submit the priority document within the applicable time limit under that Rule, **the attention of the applicant is directed to Rule 17.1(c)** which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.
- (If applicable) An asterisk(\*) appearing next to a date of receipt, in the right-hand column, denotes a **priority document submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau but not in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b)** (the priority document was received after the time limit prescribed in Rule 17.1(a) or the request to prepare and transmit the priority document was submitted to the receiving Office after the applicable time limit under Rule 17.1(b)). Even though the priority document was not furnished in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b), the International Bureau will nevertheless transmit a copy of the document to the designated Offices, for their consideration. In case such a copy is not accepted by the designated Office as priority document, Rule 17.1(c) provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.

<u>Priority date</u>	<u>Priority application No.</u>	<u>Country or regional Office or PCT receiving Office</u>	<u>Date of receipt of priority document</u>
26 Dec 2002 (26.12.2002)	2002-378654	JP	19 Febr 2004 (19.02.2004)

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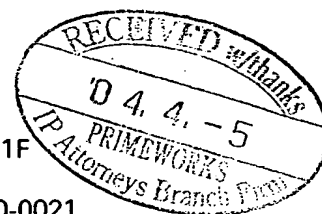
## PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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NOTIFICATION OF THE RECORDING  
OF A CHANGE(PCT Rule 92bis.1 and  
Administrative Instructions, Section 422)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

To:

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Daikanyama TK Bldg. 1F  
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Japan

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 18 March 2004 (18.03.2004)	<b>IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION</b>
Applicant's or agent's file reference JJ-70053WO	
International application No. PCT/JP2003/016984	International filing date (day/month/year) 26 December 2003 (26.12.2003)

## 1. The following indications appeared on record concerning:

☐ the applicant    ☐ the inventor    ☒ the agent    ☐ the common representative

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	Teleprinter No.	

## 2. The International Bureau hereby notifies the applicant that the following change has been recorded concerning:

☐ the person    ☐ the name    ☒ the address    ☐ the nationality    ☐ the residence

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## 3. Further observations, if necessary:

## 4. A copy of this notification has been sent to:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the receiving Office	<input type="checkbox"/> the designated Offices concerned
<input type="checkbox"/> the International Searching Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> the elected Offices concerned
<input type="checkbox"/> the International Preliminary Examining Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

**PCT**NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE  
COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

To:

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Daikanyama TK Bldg. 1F  
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JAPON

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 15 July 2004 (15.07.2004)		IMPORTANT NOTICE	
Applicant's or agent's file reference JJ-70053WO			
International application No. PCT/JP2003/016984	International filing date (day/month/year) 26 December 2003 (26.12.2003)	Priority date (day/month/year) 26 December 2002 (26.12.2002)	
Applicant JAPAN TOBACCO INC. et al			

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has **communicated**, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this notice:

AU, AZ, BY, CH, CN, CO, DZ, EP, HU, JP, KG, KP, KR, MD, MK, MZ, RU, TM, US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:

AE, AG, AL, AM, AP, AT, BA, BB, BG, BR, BW, BZ, CA, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, EA, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, ID, IL, IN, IS, KE, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MG, MN, MW, MX, NI, NO, NZ, OA, OM, PG, PH, PL, PT, RO, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SY, TJ, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, UZ, VC, VN, YU, ZA, ZM, ZW

The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 15 July 2004 (15.07.2004) under No. WO 2004/059547

4. **TIME LIMITS for filing a demand for international preliminary examination and for entry into the national phase**

The applicable time limit for entering the national phase will, **subject to what is said in the following paragraph**, be **30 MONTHS** from the priority date, not only in respect of any elected Office if a demand for international preliminary examination is filed before the expiration of **19 months** from the priority date, but also in respect of any designated Office, in the absence of filing of such demand, where Article 22(1) as modified with effect from 1 April 2002 applies in respect of that designated Office. For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2001 of 1 November 2001, pages 19926, 19932 and 19934, as well as the *PCT Newsletter*, October and November 2001 and February 2002 issues.

In practice, **time limits other than the 30-month time limit** will continue to apply, for various periods of time, in respect of certain designated or elected Offices. For **regular updates on the applicable time limits** (20, 21, 30 or 31 months, or other time limit), Office by Office, refer to the *PCT Gazette*, the *PCT Newsletter* and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, National Chapters, all available from WIPO's Internet site, at <http://www.wipo.int/pc/en/index.html>.

For filing a **demand for international preliminary examination**, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume IA, Chapter IX. Only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination (at present, all PCT Contracting States are bound by Chapter II).

It is the applicant's **sole responsibility** to monitor all these time limits.

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